

Psychoanalysis for the People: Free Clinics and the Social Mission of Psychoanalysis

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Speakers' Biographies

Baffour Ababio grew up in Ghana, he is a psychoanalytic intercultural psychotherapist in private practice and clinical supervisor at Nafsiyat Intercultural Therapy Centre. Baffour completed his training at University College London and the Guild of Psychotherapists and is a member of UKCP and BAPPS (British Association for Psychoanalytic and Psychodynamic Supervision). Alongside his clinical role Baffour developed a career in managing mental health services integrating a community-based response to support recovery from a broad range of mental health problems. With Roland Littlewood he has co-edited a volume on intercultural psychotherapy entitled *Intercultural Therapy: Challenges, Insights and Developments* (2019)

Aida Alayarian PhD, UK, is the co-founder of Refugee Therapy Centre, a Fellow of Royal Society of Medicine and the United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapist, A Fellow of British Psychological Society, she has worked with families and children in multi-disciplinary settings in both the statutory and voluntary sector, in particular with people who have been subjected to torture and other form of human rights violation. She has explored the relationships between vulnerability and resilience and their roots in childhood and has published extensively in this area. She has been Programme Leader of the MA, and Co-Director of the Professional Doctorate in Intercultural Psychoanalytical Psychotherapy (until 2017) at Queen Mary University of London. Elected council member of the International Rehabilitations Council of Torture - IRCT (2006-2020), and is Chair of the Health Advisory Committee for the IRCT.

Aida maintains her dedication to combine the theoretical with clinical and pursuits. She was a winner of the Women in Public Life awards for the year 2009; a Centre of Social Justice award-winner in 2010, and received an award from London Educational Partnership in 2011. Aida has published extensively in the area of human rights with specific focus on people (adults and children) who have endured trauma. Her books includes *The Work of the Refugee Therapy Centre* (2007); *Psychological Consequences of Denial: The Armenian Genocide* (2008); *Torture, Trauma and Dissociation: A Psychoanalytic View* (2011); the

Handbook of Working with Children, Trauma, and Resilience: An Intercultural Psychoanalytic View (2015); *Children of Refugees: Torture, Human Rights, and Psychological Consequences* (2016), and is currently writing on transference and counter-transference in groups.

Dorothee Bonnigal-Katz is a psychoanalyst. She is the founder and clinical director of the *Psychosis Therapy Project* (PTP), a specialist psychoanalytic clinic in the community for people who experience psychosis. The PTP operates across London in deprived areas where people with psychosis receive very little support besides medication.

Penny Crick is a Fellow of the British Psychoanalytical Society, a psychoanalyst in private practice, and for some years until 2018 was the Clinical Director of the London Clinic of Psychoanalysis, Institute of Psychoanalysis. She has a keen interest in how people access psychoanalytic therapy, both psychically and practically, and the establishment of settings where a psychoanalytic process can take place. She is a co-editor/author of two books in the New Library of Psychoanalysis Teaching Series (Routledge), *Initiating Psychoanalysis: Perspectives* (2012) and *Beginning Analysis: On the Processes of Initiating Psychoanalysis* (2018).

Tereza Mendonça Estarque is a psychoanalyst, effective member of Psychoanalytical Circle of Rio de Janeiro. She is the founder and president of IEC and a supervisor of the social Clinic of IEC. She has a PhD in Social Science and a postdoctoral qualification in Political Philosophy.

Xavier Fourtou practices as a child, adolescent and adult psychoanalyst in London and is a member of Paris-based Association de Psychanalyse Encore. Co-founder of **Bubble and Speak**, a drop in centre for small children and their carers following the 'Maison Verte' model of Françoise Dolto.

Patricia Gherovici is a psychoanalyst and analytic supervisor. Her books include [*The Puerto Rican Syndrome*](#) (Other Press: 2003; Gradiva Award and the Boyer Prize), [*Please Select Your Gender: From the Invention of Hysteria to the Democratizing of Transgenderism*](#) (Routledge: 2010) and [*Transgender Psychoanalysis: A Lacanian Perspective on Sexual Difference*](#) (Routledge: 2017). She has published (with Manya Steinkoler) [*Lacan On Madness: Madness Yes You Can't*](#) (Routledge: 2015) and [*Lacan, Psychoanalysis and Comedy*](#) (Cambridge University Press: 2016) and most recently (with Chris Christian) [*Psychoanalysis in the Barrios: Race, Class, and the Unconscious*](#) (Routledge: 2019.)

Paul Hoggett was the former Professor of Social Policy at the University of the West of England and, with Simon Clarke, co-Director of the Centre for Psycho-Social Studies. In the 1970s he worked at the Battersea Action and Counselling Centre and then helped set up the Lambeth & Southwark Community Mental Health Group. He was a member of the first editorial group of the journal *Free Associations* and later became Chair of the Bridge Foundation in Bristol. He trained in psychoanalytic psychotherapy at the Lincoln Centre and

is currently a training therapist with the Severnside Institute for Psychotherapy. With Larry Gould he was a founding editor of *Organisational & Social Dynamics*, the journal of the Tavistock Group Relations tradition, and in 2012, with Adrian Tait, he founded the Climate Psychology Alliance. Publications include *Politics, Identity and Emotion* (2009) and *Climate Psychology: On Indifference to Disaster* (2019, ed.).

Earl Pennycooke has worked in a variety of psychotherapeutic settings, from brief work within the NHS, to managing front line addiction and mental health services. He is currently working in private practice and working within a project that delivers therapy to those who suffer from psychosis.

Joanna Ryan is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist and member of the Site for Contemporary Psychoanalysis. She has worked widely in clinical practice, teaching and supervision; in academic research; and in the politics of psychotherapy. Her latest book is *Class and Psychoanalysis: Landscapes of Inequality* (Routledge, 2017). She is also co-author (with N. O'Connor) of *Wild Desires and Mistaken Identities: Lesbianism and Psychoanalysis*; co-editor (with S. Cartledge) of *Sex and Love: New Thoughts on Old Contradictions*; author of *The Politics of Mental Handicap* and many other publications.

Kwame Yonatan Poli dos Santos, psychoanalyst. He has published three books, two of poetry and one about the effects of antidepressants. He has professional experience in public policy and was institutional supervisor of a transdisciplinary group. Currently, he is part of the collective Margens Clínicas, a group of psychoanalysts and psychologists who work to confront State violence. He works as a psychoanalyst and represents the Aquilombamento nas Margens project while pursuing his doctorate at the Subjectivity Center of the Clinical Psychology Graduate Program at Pontifícia Universidade Católica - São Paulo.

Dr Raluca Soreanu is a psychoanalyst, effective member of Círculo Psicanalítico do Rio de Janeiro, and Reader in Psychoanalytic Studies at the Department of Psychosocial and Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex. She is the author of *Working-through Collective Wounds: Trauma, Denial, Recognition in the Brazilian Uprising* (Palgrave, 2018), which formulates a theory of collective trauma, drawing on the work of Sándor Ferenczi. In the past five years, she has studied the Michael Balint Archive, found at the British Psychoanalytical Society. Her most recent project is a monograph looking at psychic splitting and temporality, *The Psychic Life of Fragments: On Splitting and the Experience of Time in Psychoanalysis* (forthcoming, 2021). Raluca is Academic Associate of the Freud Museum.

Kristina Valentinova is a psychoanalyst and translator living and working in London. She is a member of CFAR and of Cercle Freudien in Paris. Co-founder of **Bubble and Speak**, a drop in centre for small children and their carers following the 'Maison Verte' model of Françoise Dolto.